

# WASH Sector Coordination

## Minutes of weekly Zaatari camp WASH sector coordination group

**Date:** 1 December 2013

**Venue:** Container F1, Buffer Zone, Base Camp

**Time:** 11:00 AM

**Duration:** 2:00 hours

**Present:** Ahmed Ali (UNICEF), Juan Frechilla (UNICEF, Chair), Cyril Cappai (JEN), Einar Sorevik (UNICEF), Haley Rodgers (ACTED), Sayed Yasir (OXFAM), Sharuh Ibragimov (ACTED), Ahmad Ibrahim (Open Hands), Fadi Shinnawi (ACTED), Catherine Sherwood (UNHCR), Matthew Richard (UNHCR, minutes), Anne Rapin (ACTED)

- ❖ For WASH info & documents, refer to the on-line "Box" storage:  
[https://www.box.com/signup/collablink/d\\_528023294/7a4a32df9e549](https://www.box.com/signup/collablink/d_528023294/7a4a32df9e549)
- ❖ REACH's maps and weekly WASH reports can be found on the on-line "Drop Box" storage:  
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/n9ngx1oy848q644/v6qd24hWRa>
- ❖ REACH's maps on the latest wastewater assessment (currently only Ds 1,2,3,4 and 12):  
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/n9ngx1oy848q644/zWLXyXMBEM/Waste%20Water%20Assesment%20-%20Old%20Camp>

1.0 Update on WASH Block Handover	
Summary of discussions	<p><b>1.1</b> Agencies working in the old areas of the camp (JEN, ACTED), with the support of Open Hands, have arranged a field survey that can enable them to come up with a listing of WASH facilities that should be repaired.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a baseline of WASH facilities that need maintenance prepared by THW. The doc states all work needed to upgrade the WASH blocks to minimum standards. It is of common agreement that not all WASH blocks in the old area can nor should be upgraded to minimum standards.</li> <li>• A review of this document is required from the WASH lead agencies present in the old areas where agreed upon repairs, considering the current state of the facilities, is stated.</li> <li>• JEN &amp; ACTED to continue their coordination on this meeting today to discuss plan</li> </ul>
Action Points	<p><b>1.2</b> From 1.1., JEN &amp; ACTED to meet and arrange mobilises this week (deadline 12<sup>th</sup> December),</p> <p><b>1.3</b> ACTED to send names of people on WASH committees to UNHCR (Catherine) who will compile this information and share with relevant field officers. She is missing information from districts 1, 2 &amp; 12. This is a re-establishment exercise and important to enhance a sense of ownership and responsibility for WASH committees.</p>

2.0 Update on water supply	
Summary of discussions	<p><b>2.1 Water tanks:</b> Some of the water tanks at certain WASH blocks require replacing as they have been stolen or damaged.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oxfam are in the process of replacing but having some problems.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>JEN &amp; ACTED are waiting for budget lines for this.</li> </ul> <p><b>2.2 Maintenance of water tank stands:</b> Some of the water tank stands in certain districts require maintenance. THW have set standards for water tank stands. THW states that it is possible to reinforce stands but in general it is better to purchase new stands.</p>
Action Points	<p><b>2.3</b> From 2.1, All partners agree to procure Al-Masri tanks which are more expensive (87JD) but generally stronger and more durable. Partners will look into their budget to see possibilities for funds to procure the water-tanks.</p> <p><b>2.4</b> From 2.2, Open hands and UNICEF to meet with the contractor, Ahmed Ali to feed back</p>

### 3.0 Update on waste water drainage - all areas

Summary of discussions	<p><b>3.1 Drainage in camps:</b> Building drainage in districts with HCR/Ministry of Public Works and GLZ. Planned open ditches that will evacuate water to the south of camp. Encourage protection of WASH facilities through the WASH committees by distributing tools and providing guidance notes.</p> <p><b>3.1.1</b> Currently a problem with drainage to septic tanks with the existence of ad-hoc ditches. There are concerns over hygiene problems as the rainwater will mix private pits. Some pits are being closed with zinc and sand, but heavy rains/surface runoff will result in these surface pits over-flooding if all are not covered.</p> <p><b>3.1.2</b> Concerns over no organized plans of design for ditches.</p> <p><b>3.2. Filling up large holes:</b> Large holes excavated for wastewater disposal exist across the camp which range in size, some 2mx2m and 4m deep. ACTED have started filling the holes with large rocks. 18 holes have been filled so far with the help of 'cash-for-work' beneficiaries.</p> <p><b>3.3 Man-hole covers:</b> camp drainage currently requires a lot of maintenance as problems with blockages. The installation of man-hole covers along certain pipes would allow easier maintenance especially for blocked pipes. However concerns expressed about vandalism and theft of new installations.</p>
Action Points	<p><b>3.4</b> From <b>3.1:</b> Juan to send field team focal points of UNHCR in each district.</p> <p><b>3.5</b> From <b>3.1:</b> JEN/ACTED/UNICEF/HCR to meet Mohammed Jertilla, UNHCR's drainage focal point, to discuss possibility of WASH sector supporting camp drainage on production of surface drainage inside each district before next rains.</p>

### 4.0 Hygiene and environmental sanitation

Summary of discussions	<b>4.1</b> Incoming non-consumables hygiene kits distribution planned for coming January.
Action Points	

### 5.0 AOB

Summary of discussions	<b>5.1. UNICEF field team presentations:</b> 16 new staff recruited at UNICEF to act as field teams in the camp. There will be 2 people designated to each district (1 male, 1 female). Concerns were shared about the similarities between new team and UNHCR field staff.
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